

# September Newsletter

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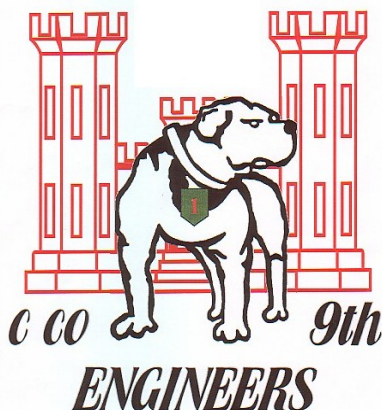
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**HARD TRAINING, EASY WAR!!**



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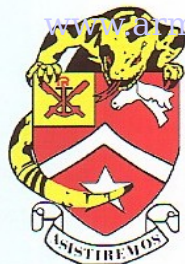
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## SURVEY

Survey of Army Families

Here is a chance to voice your opinion on the Army way of life...including housing, relocation, paid and volunteer work, children, health care, MWR, deployments, and other issues with the Army-wide survey on spouse attitudes. During September, the Survey of Army Families V will be mailed to random Army spouses worldwide. Results lead directly to changes in family-focused programs and services to improve life for Army families, based upon what spouses indicate are most important to them. Compute the survey and fine-tune the programs that serve Army families. This year, survey participants will also have the option of completing the survey online. Check out [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com) for details.



**September 21st**

**1800 (6 PM) at Eddie's Family Restaurant**

## WOW

### Wives Of

**Thursday 23rd September**  
**0830-1400**

### Schweinfurt Conn Club

Connected by hope, a conference run by four military wives to provide encouragement and hope to all of us dealing with separation and deployment. Child care will be provided. Topics: coping with separation stress, marriage relationships, parenting struggles, and victory over negative emotions.

### Hometown News Holiday Greetings

The Hometown News Holiday Greetings team will be in Schweinfurt September 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Videotaping will take place on the entrance side of building 206 on Ledward Barracks.

Military members must be in uniform. A civilian family member (husband or wife) can make a greeting if the military family member is deployed, on TDY or in the hospital.

# Other Important Information

## FRG Roundtable

The floor will be open for discussion and questions. As always we will be meeting in the Yellow Ribbon Room at 6 pm. Remember, the Chaplains are feeding us, so we need everyone to RSVP by calling ACSC at 354-6751 or civilian 09721-966751.

**Roundtable dates: 20 Sept, 18 Oct**

Welcome to the new **Pediatrician:**  
Dr. Brito now beginning to see

patients

Also schedule to see the **nutritionist:**  
LTC Lute who will be available the second Friday of every month at the SFT clinic schedule through central appts 354-6781

## EDIS

Educational Developmental  
and Intervention Services

If you are concerned about how well your child relates to others, hears, learns, talks or plays, call EDIS to make an appointment for a developmental screening at 354-6257 or 09721-966257 for children 0-3 years old.

There will be no negative impact on your family, but your child might benefit from an early

detection of a potential problem.

## Army Emergency Relief

Don't forget, if a financial emergency arises and causes you grief, your first thought for help should be Army Emergency Relief. For more information, call 354-6751/6486.

## Chaplain Services:

**New Service: Sunday nights**  
at 1830 Ledward chapel **STARTING 3 Oct**

Starting **AWANA** Program starts Sunday, 12<sup>TH</sup> September from 1500 - 1700. Hope to see you there! (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Middle School and High School** - Get involved, with CLUB BEYOND! Contact information: Heather Megnia 017015733826

## PWOC prodestant women of the chapel :

Kick-off 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am at ledward chapel

**Marriage Retreat** coming up 25-26 Sept for both couples and spouses of deployed soldiers call the chapel for more information on location and signing up 354-1570/ child care will be provided

**Supporting Injured Soldiers:** Donations Needed for Soldiers coming into Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Clothing toiletries and monetary donations: Drop your donations off at the FAITH table outside the PX every Thursday lunch to 4:30

## Free Childcare During Memorial Services

Chaplain Wright's ministry team will offer free childcare at the chapel during each memorial service on a first come, first served basis. Max. 20 children. Arrive no later than 30 min. prior to service start time.

The DAC/MWR will also offer free childcare for up to 20 CYS registered children during memorial services. This care will be provided at the School Aged Services Building at Askren Manor. Soon we hope to move this

service to the Ledward Gym adjacent to the Chapel. Reserve space ASAP at



# Social Work Service

## Combat Stress Support Group

This group is soldiers with combat-related stress. Discussions deal with alienation, anxiety, sleeplessness, depression, anger, etc. This group is located in the Schweinfurt Health Clinic on the 4th floor, room 413 on Wednesdays 0900-1100. To register or for more information call DSN: 354-6276

## DPW 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Bulk

• Remember anything that doesn't fit into your car is considered bulk trash.

## Fall Harvest Bazaar



Thanks to everyone who helped with running the food stand!

Are you in charge of watching someones house while their gone ?



If someone has entrusted you with watching their house while they are gone to the states or deployed, it is important to go in once a week to flush their toilets and run the water. If not, the water

## Next Parenting Seminar:

28 Sept 9am-2pm in the **Family Life Center** conference room / Lunch and child care provided call 354-6135

## Next R&R Seminar:

14 September 0930 - 1130 At the **Family Life Center** in the Abrams Club free child care and snacks

## The Haunted 9th Engineer Battalion

Coming in October The Battalion will be turned into the Haunted Halloween battalion for a night of trick or treat and the third floor transformed into the haunted hall

## Volunteer Victim Advocacy Training Army Community Services

is offering a 95-hour Volunteer victim Advocacy training program which provides intensive training in areas such as the dynamics of violent families, active listening, transitional compensation, as well as instruction on how to refer victims to community resources. The course will prepare volunteers for the National Organization of victim Assistance (NOVA) certification examination, to be held October 29 in Heidelberg.

AAFES/Commissary forum  
2 Sept 0930hrs in Community conference room / open to the community. Please come and voice your wants and needs for improvements in these facilities. more info call Mr Jones or Ms. Gower at 354-1540.

# Want the latest NEWS from DOWNRANGE?

Visit  
[www.lid.army.mil/lid/media\\_information/media\\_informat](http://www.lid.army.mil/lid/media_information/media_information.html)  
ion.html



The Community Level Softball team is looking for players. If you are interested in playing softball, contact SSG Franks at:

354-6514 or 09721-966514.

## AAFES/Commissary forum

**9 Sept, 0930hrs/** in Community conference room / open to the community. Please come and voice your wants and needs for improvements in these facilities. more info call Mr Jones or Ms. Gower at 354-1540.

## World's Biggest Case Lot Sale

coming this Month Check on the web for the dates of all commissaries sale weekends.

## AAFES has new operating hours

<http://www.commissaries.com>  
As of September 11 AAFES will have the following operating hours:

Main Store: Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Ledward Shoppette: Mon - Sun 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

MilitaryClothing: Mon - Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sun CLOSED

## Getting your newsletter e-mailed

In order to reduce the time it takes to get our newsletter out, and save paper, we have decided to send the majority of the newsletters out via e-mail. We will continue to mail hard copies to those who wish them. Remember, the letter is also

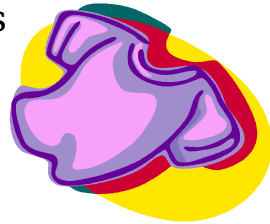
available on the 9E web page

## Walk to Iraq Update!



9th ENGR Battalion  
Continues full steam  
ahead / remember  
you can still turn in  
mileage from  
previous months- call  
Malia 354-6300

See Malia McReynolds if you would like to purchase a **Lady Sapper T-Shirt** only \$5 but they're going fast



Call 354-6300

## Anniversaries

2 September:

CPT Titko and  
Christine

21 September:

SPC English and his  
wife

is sponsoring a FREE

bus to the **LeAnn Rimes**

**concert September 24<sup>th</sup>** in

Vilseck The bus departs at 3 p.m.  
from Finney Fitness Center, Bldg.

64, ConN Barracks Contact Silvia  
Joiner at 09721-966270/6216 or DSN  
354-6270/6216 to reserve a seat.



MWR

# Happy Birthday

**Septemb  
er:**



2<sup>nd</sup> PFC Marcello  
Rodriguez

3<sup>rd</sup> SGT Lorenzo Casanova

3<sup>rd</sup> SGT Christopher Deans

3<sup>rd</sup> Sabrina Mitchell

5<sup>th</sup> Sabrina Smith

21<sup>st</sup> PV2 Merlin Mart

22<sup>nd</sup> PFC Marcus Poree

23<sup>rd</sup> SPC Damien  
Grandberry

23<sup>rd</sup> SGT Michael  
Schinsky

26<sup>th</sup> SGT Rainboldt

29<sup>th</sup> Christina Rainboldt

8<sup>th</sup> SGT Matthew

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## USO Trips

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Concentration Camp,  
Sept 11

•Coburg Fortress, Sept 12

•Neuschwanstein Castle,  
Sept 18

•Legoland Germany,  
Sept 19

•Neustadt Crystal  
Shopping, Sept 25

•Nuernberg Zoo, Sept 26

12<sup>th</sup> Berchtesgaden, Oct 2

•Palm Beach Water Park Oct 3

13<sup>th</sup> SGT Arlen Cardell

•Prague Express, Oct 9  
•Neuschwanstein Castle, Oct 1  
•Wild Park Bad Mergentheim,  
Oct 17

•Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Oc  
23

•Legoland Germany, Oct 24

•Holiday Park, Oct 30

•Nuernberg Zoo, Oct 31

## CRIME PREVENTION WHILE TRAVELING:

Travel information can be found  
at:

[http://www.travel.state.gov/trav  
el\\_warnings.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html)

Immediately report loss or theft of a  
US passport or ID card to your local  
military police; local police and US  
Embassy if you are out of your local  
area. Need a travel brief? Call 354-

6680

## Sports

Sports Officials  
needed

Applications

are available at the Schweinfurt Youth  
Sports Office, Bldg 241, Ledward Gym  
or call 354-6822 or 09721966822

## School Information

New Schedule:

SES 7 Sept: Start: 0800: First Day of  
School

BKES 7 Sept: Start: 0800: First Day of  
School

SMS: 7 Sept: Start: 0740: First Day of  
School

WAHS: 7 Sept: Start: 0812: First Day of  
School for ALL Students Grades 9-12

Dress Code 04/05

Elementary and Middle Schools:

Leg Wear - Navy Blue or Kaki Long Pants,  
Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts or Walking Shorts.

Shirts - Red, White, Navy, or Light Blue  
Turtleneck, Short and Long Sleeved Polo  
or Dress Shirts, Sweaters, or other  
Official Shirts

Footwear:

Casual - Navy, Red or White

# Commanders Corner

## Commander's Letter 1SEP04

The last two months have been extraordinarily busy for the Dawgs of War. First, please keep SGT Sanchez in your thoughts and prayers. He is doing well at Walter Reed recovering from the injuries he received in an IED attack. The rest of 1st Platoon continues to do well. They are currently focused on conducting IED sweeps of the main roads in their sector. In addition, they provide outstanding support to Task Force 1-26 by acting as the task force's quick reaction platoon. A couple of days ago 1st Platoon secured a KBR chow hall truck that was abandoned on the side of the road. After several hours of trying to get someone out to move the truck, 1LT Wyche and his soldiers downloaded all of the food in the truck and took it back to Brassfield-Mora with them. For the next week the task force ate nothing but steak for dinner.

2nd Platoon with TF 1-77 has kept them quite busy. Like 1st Platoon, they are hunting IEDs on the routes that the task force travels on. Over the last several weeks 2nd Platoon also conducted several raids resulting in the capture of over 4,000 rounds of enemy ammunition, several weapons, and they sent three IED makers to jail. Their support to TF 1-77 has been outstanding. Also, please keep 1LT Royston's mother in your prayers. She had an accident and has been in the intensive care unit of the hospital for the last couple of weeks.

As always, A&O Platoon has been working their tail off. They have been escorting the EOD detachment to IED sites, conducting force protection on FOB Remagen, and they have spent a large amount of time supporting 1st platoon and TF 1-26. A&O was instrumental in establishing the force protection at a new Iraqi National Guard facility that the brigade is building. They built over 2km of berms, several fighting positions, and directed the emplacement of over 2mk of wire for the compound. In addition, they improved a company strong point for TF 1-26, which gained them kudos from the Division commander.

Headquarters Platoon has been managing several projects and have made a huge impact on the Brigade. First, HQ Platoon directed the rebuilding of Patrol Base Razor after it was attacked by a car bomb. Then, the platoon designed the plans for the new Iraqi National Guard facility. In addition, HQ Platoon managed several smaller projects for both TF 1-26 and TF 1-77.

# Rogue Corner

Hello all and welcome to another Rogue update

This month has been another fairly active one, with many operations resulting in the detention of many insurgents. We did not see the large escalation that was expected with the original handover, but have received much more information concerning recent attacks. The Iraqi people are attempting to work with us more often, mainly due to the increase and ever-growing randomness of attacks in our sector. Many Iraqis have been injured in attacks meant for Coalition Forces. We plan to continue our everyday efforts to work with the local nationals and help them understand what it is that we are trying to do.

We spent the first two weeks on Red Cycle, which meant we were out patrolling about twice a day. We are responsible for clearance of all routes in the B Co sector. It consists of about 50-60km of road that is driven about twice a day. Constant vigilance is the word for those patrols.

We then went back onto Amber Cycle, which should have been training time. But the enemy has a vote and we conducted 4 raids and made several detainee transport runs to FOB Remagen. For those of you that don't know, the trip to Remagen is about 2 hours one way. As usual, we have been busy constantly.

We are continuing our training of the Iraqi National Guard to take over our sector. They are currently accompanying us on at least two patrols a week and every raid that we have conducted. Towards October they are to begin running multiple patrols on their own, with us acting as OCs. It should be quite interesting to see how they handle this. They have received the proper training.

1-77AR is conducting a work up to run us through a Live Fire Exercise in the next few months. It's supposed to consist of mounted and dismounted movement and the ways we react to it. The overall result will be interesting to see. We'll make sure and take some pictures to send back to you.

R&R is continuing. Many of you have already had your loved ones come home for a few weeks of much earned down time. Many more of us are going and the plan is that by the end of December, all of the Rogues will have made it home. We are sending about 5-7 Rogues per month and have already sent 11 with another 5 scheduled for September.

We are still in the final stages of completion of our MWR/CP building, it only needs a roof and then we have to emplace the required 18 inches of overhead cover that is the standard throughout the Army. Once that happens, we will be able to relax and enjoy our own little corner of Balad.

I know that many of you watch the news and see and hear nothing but bad news concerning what is happening here. It is not true. What the media is not showing is the ever increasing happiness of people seeing us out on patrol. They do not tell you that we are distributing candy, toys and school supplies to the children of Balad. They do not tell you about how we are always, always invited in for tea and dinner when we stop by someone's house to check up on them. Life is not as bad as they portray it.

The patrols have been constant, we find simple tasks to help occupy our time and the days are passing. It has been approximately 7 months in Iraq, 8 months into the deployment. To the families, thank you for taking care of your Sapper. We lean

# Mad Dawg Corner

1/C/9E Newsletter: August 2004

The month of August started off with horrible reminders of how dangerous our job is Iraq. Our platoon had several soldiers wounded in two separate IED attacks this month. SGT Jason Hensley was injured first when he was riding in a convoy with 1/26 Scout platoon and was in a vehicle hit by an IED. He spent several days at the hospital before returning to the platoon and continuing his duty. Then, the evening of 2 August, while conducting a combat patrol along the highway near Samarra our platoon was engaged by an IED, sadly SGT Michael Sanchez was seriously wounded. He has since been evacuated to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C and continues to make progress everyday while our platoon continues to carry him with us in our thoughts and prayers.

Following our incidents, our platoon was given several much-needed days to rest and regroup. The soldiers enjoyed two days to relax, sleep-in, play video games, and get our minds away from Iraq for a while.

Our platoon's mission is critical to the Task Force so we got right back to work with several important missions. We were called upon to conduct several route sanitation missions; in other words clean up the highway to prevent people from hiding IEDS. We removed several hundred meters of guard rails along the highway, and we blocked numerous culverts under the highway with wire and pickets.

This month we also completed countless route clearance missions; the critical mission of securing the highway in our area of operations finding and IEDs or hopefully catching someone emplacing them. This month we successfully found several IEDs and were able to clear them before they were able to harm coalition soldiers.

Our platoon was also called upon to serve as the Task Force quick reaction force quite a bit this month. We were able to successfully and rapidly handle a variety of missions. In short; our platoon continues to excel and remains a critical part of Task Force 1/26 Infantry.